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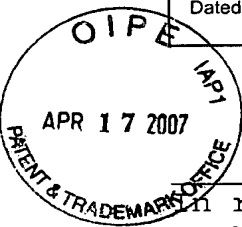
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Communication mailed April 5, 2007, Applicants submit the Declaration of Aaron Markworth and Yves Crozet as requested. Applicants inadvertently did not attach it to the Amendment mailed on January 3, 2007.

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